REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 24-43 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein. No new matter is added.

Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 1-23 are allowed.

I. Claims 39-41 Satisfy All Formal Requirements

The Office Action objects to claims 39-41 for informalities. By this Amendment, claims 39-41 are canceled; and thus the objection of these claims is now moot.

Withdrawal of the objection is thus respectfully requested.

II. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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